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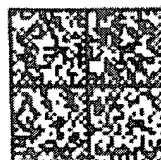
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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
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TITLE OF INVENTION: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CONVERTING DATA STREAMS

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- ☐ a. Applicant claims SMALL ENTITY status. See 37 CFR 1.27. ☐ b. Applicant is no longer claiming SMALL ENTITY status. See 37 CFR 1.27(g)(2).

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Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/741,977

Examiner

Michael J. Moore, Jr.

Applicant(s)

MORRIS, OCTAVIUS J.

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 12/20/2000.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-20.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 20 December 2000 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
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3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
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4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material

5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.


FRANK DUONG
PRIMARY EXAMINER

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Michael Belk (Reg. No. 33,357) on 11/5/2004.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 1, on line 7, replace word "stream" with --streams--. Also, on line 30, replace phrase "said output signal" with --said output data stream--.

In claims 2-18, on line 1, replace phrase "A method" with --The method--.

In claim 4, on line 1, replace word "the" before word "data" with --a--.

In claim 8, on line 4, replace word "the" before word "time" with --a--. Also, on line 5, replace word "the" before both words "largest" and "lowest" with --a--.

In claim 20, on line 1, replace phrase "An apparatus" with --The apparatus--.

In the specification, on page 8, lines 13-14 delete phrase "Information about the MPEG-2 system is available online at <http://www.mpeg.org>". Lastly, on page 12, line 29, replace word "conversation" with --conversion--.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-20 are allowed.
3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

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Regarding claim 1, Shiokawa et al. (U.S. 2004/0136696) teaches a video/audio recording apparatus where an incoming transport stream (TS) is converted to program stream format (PS). Referring to Figure 1, the incoming transport stream is first demultiplexed into PES-V and PES-A streams and then demultiplexed further into elementary audio and video streams ES-V and ES-A. These elementary streams are then remultiplexed into PS format and forwarded to a recording medium. Shiokawa et al. fails to teach the use of separate video and audio payload queues prior to remultiplexing. Shiokawa et al. also fails to teach determining a valid PS schedule for remultiplexing the payload data from the queues in accordance with a PS target decoder model.

Regarding claims 2-20, these claims are all further limiting to claim 1 and are thus also allowable.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Shiokawa et al. (U.S. 2004/0136696), Anderson et al. (U.S. 6,275,507), Sanami (U.S. 6,014,368), Na et al. (U.S. 6,504,996), Tozaki et al. (U.S. 6,567,409), Tiernan et al. (U.S. 6,172,988), and Yanagihara et al. (U.S. 6,211,800) are all references that contain material pertinent to this application.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael J. Moore, Jr. whose telephone number is (571) 272-3168. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (8:30am - 5:00pm).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Seema S. Rao can be reached at (571) 272-3174. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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All Participants:

Status of Application: New

(1) Michael J. Moore, Jr.

(3) _____

(2) Michael Belk (Reg. No. 33,357)

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Date of Interview: 5 November 2004

Time: 9:30AM

Type of Interview:

- ☒ Telephonic
☐ Video Conference
☐ Personal (Copy given to: ☐ Applicant ☐ Applicant's representative)

Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, provide a brief description:

Part I.

Rejection(s) discussed:

Claims discussed:

Claims 1-20 were discussed.

Prior art documents discussed:

Part II.

SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:

Minor changes to claims 1-20 as well as the specification were discussed with Michael Belk (Reg. No. 33,357) and are provided in the attached Examiner's Amendment.

Part III.

- ☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.
☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.

Michael J. Moore, Jr.
(Examiner/SPE Signature)

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